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**REMARKS**

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 4, 8, 14, 18, 23, 27, 32, 24, 38, 42 and 47 have been amended to independent form, including in each case the respective base and any intervening claims and in accordance with which the specified claims are submitted to be allowable in accordance with the indications of allowable subject matter in Item 4 of the Action. Claims 1, 2, 3, 12, 13, 22, 37 and 43-46 are cancelled. Further independent claims 50 and 51 are commonly amended to recite dependency from each of the amended, and thus allowable, independent claims above-referenced. Claims 4-11, 14-21, 23-36, 38-42 and 47-51 are pending and under consideration.

**CONCLUSION**

All of the independent claims now pending herein set forth allowable subject matter in accordance with the indications of the prior Action and all dependent claims depend from such allowable independent claims; accordingly, it is submitted that all pending claims distinguish patentably over the rejections and art of record.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.


Respectfully submitted,

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